tigated in details and the findings are, briefly, as follows:–

Delay in completion of the Augmentation project was mainly, on account of delay in the procurement of plant and machinery, which was on account of time taken for selection of machines, import clearance, release of foreign exchange etc.

Non-achievement of augmented capacity was primarily, due to inadequate manpower because of the embargo on fresh recruitment.

The high rejection rate or the high cost of production in GIF was due to technological limitations of the planned facilities and also higher overhead costs associated with the various staff welfare measures.

As a result of sustained internal R&D efforts, it has been possible to reduce rejections and thereby bring down the unit cost of production. However, it has not been possible to increase the capacity utilisation significantly due to decline in the workload from Vehicle Factory, Jabalpur. Efforts are being made to secure orders from the non-defence sector.

Amount spent on Diet in Sainik Schools

3885. SHRI RAJENDRA AGNIHOTRI:
SHRI NANI BHATTACHARYA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of money spent on the diet of a student in Sainik Schools per day;

(b) the year in which it was fixed;

(c) whether the Government propose to raise it;

(d) if so, when; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (A) The diet charge for the students of Sainik Schools, as fixed by the Sainik Schools Society, is Currently Rs. 10 per day per student.

(b) 1985.

(c) to (e). With effect from the first day of the 1992–93 academic session, the diet charge has been increased to Rs. 11.25 per student per day.

[*Translation*]

Setting up of Benches of High Courts

3886. SHRI NAVAL KISHORE RAI:
SHRI SIMON MARANDI:
SHRI BHAGWAN SHANKAR RAWAT:
SHRI DHARMABIKSHAM:

Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received any request from the State Governments for setting up benches of the High Courts;

(b) if so, the details thereof, and action taken by the Government thereon;

(c) whether the Government have formulated any scheme for setting up benches in each High Courts under its policy of decentralisation of Judiciary;

(d) if so, the details thereof, courtwise; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RANGARAJAN KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) ;and (b). The Government have decided to establish Benches of Gauhati High Court in the Capitals of Tripura, Meghalaya and Arunachal Pradesh after necessary infrastructural facilities have been provided by the concerned State Governments.

Demands for establishing Benches of Allahabad, Madhya Pradesh and Madras High Courts were referred to the Jaswant Singh Commission and recommendations of the Commission were sent to the concerned State Governments for views/comments in consultation with the Chief Justices of the respective High Courts. Recommendations of the Commission on the general question of having Benches of High Courts away from their principal seats were sent to the Government of Karnataka for views and comments on their earlier proposal for establishing a Bench of the High Court at Hubli–Dharwar. No specific, complete proposal has been received from these State Governments, in consultation with the Chief Justices of the respective High Courts.

The proposal of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands Administration for having a Bench of the Calcutta High Court at Port Blair has not been agreed to on account of insufficient institution of cases in the High Court from the Union Territory. Proposal received from the Government of West Bengal and the Calcutta High Court for establishing a Bench of the High Court in North Bengal is engaging the attention of the Government. No proposal has been received from any other State Government.

(c), (d) and (e). No, Sir. The recommendations of the Jaswant Singh Commission on the broad principles and criteria to be followed in assessing the expediency and desirability of setting up a Bench of the High Court away from the principal seat and the factors to be kept in view in selecting the venue of the Bench has been sent to all the State Governments and the High Courts for information and guidance.

Import/Export of Garments

3887. SHRI NAWAL KISHORE RAI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of garments exported and imported during 1990–91 and 1991–92;

(b) the amount of foreign exchange earned through the exports of garments during 1991–92; and

(c) the steps being taken by the Government to boost the garments export?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) and (b). The details of garment exported during 1990–91 and 1991–92 are as follows:

		1990–91	*1991–92 (upto Jan. '92)*
(i)	Quantity (in thousand Pcs)	615000	537071
(ii)	Value (In Rs. Crores)	4640	4441

Import of garments is not allowed (Provisional)